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1. Each regiment of the Polish Air Force is composed of four squadrons; each squadron consisting of three flights of four planes. The number of planes in a regiment is as follows:

Four squadrons (12 planes each)	-	48 planes
Plane of the Commanding Officer	-	1
Plane of the Deputy Commanding Officer	-	1
Observer's plane	-	1
Firing instructor's plane	9	<u>1</u>
Total:		52 planes

There are no reserve planes in the regiment. The above figures refer to organization only; in reality none of the units has ever achieved the full strength. On the average, there are eight or nine planes in a squadron, one or two of which are undergoing repairs. The equipment is partly obsolete, as it would be impossible to use it for immediate action in its entirety.

2. There is a tendency to replace Soviet technical personnel with Poles, and this fact is continually stressed by Soviet factors. There is no distinction made between NCO's and men who work together. In spite of official assurances to the contrary families of Soviet members continue to arrive in Poland and are leasing living quarters for long periods.
3. The morale of soldiers is low because footwear and uniforms are permanently short; so is food and entertainment. Free time is scarce since during free hours lectures and talks are arranged by the political-educational officer.
4. The attitude of Polish soldiers toward the Soviets is barely correct; there are no drastic incidents, but their mutual relations are far from friendly. Soviet officers and men stress the fact that the Poles are subordinated to the Soviet authorities and brag of their own "superiority".

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